

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 214

January 23, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 9-member advisory task force of farmers and foresters to lead a strategic planning process and resulting implementation plan to position this state as a leading hub for agtech and value-added agriculture. The task force will be attached to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) for administrative purposes.

Authorizes the task force to create a scope of work and issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a third-party consulting firm to develop a statewide strategy for agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship led by the farming community. Authorizes the task force to call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance. Requires the task force to hold at least three meetings. Requires the task force to hold public meetings and utilize technological means such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its recommendations. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than August 31, 2022. Members of the task force serve without compensation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$54,000/FY21-22

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that there will be four quarterly meetings of the task force in FY21-22.
- Meetings will be held at public venues that are estimated to be donated to the purpose of the task force.
- No legislative members will serve on the task force.
- Members of the task force will not receive compensation; however, it is assumed that all members will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Such reimbursement will equal \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles traveled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 of \$3,959 [(9 members x \$0.47 per mile x 234 miles) x 4 meetings].
- The task force will issue an RFP for a third-party consulting group to aid in developing a statewide strategy.
- Any cost to enter into a contract consequent to such RFP is unknown, but is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000.
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 is estimated to exceed \$53,959 (\$3,959 + \$50,000).

- Any increase in state expenditures for DOA associated with administration of the task force is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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